



TRANSCRIPT

Spring 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ROBERT WARE | PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES



With spring quickly approaching, I want to take a moment to look back. Wow - what an incredible year 2018 was for the Ohio State Bar Foundation! We made great strides toward our mission, and with your support the momentum continues to grow.

OSBF introduced a new grantmaking initiative and awarded its first-ever strategic grant. We wanted to improve the civics knowledge of adults in Ohio, enhance their participation in government, and improve their access to justice and perceptions of the legal system. After reviewing many impressive applications, we were thrilled to award the strategic grant to Issue Media Group (IMG). You can find their Ohio Civics Essential articles on our website, and their live programs in Ohio libraries began in March.

OSBF also awarded more than \$750,000 in grant funding to organizations that are working for a better justice system. These organizations impact communities across our state by helping to ensure access to justice, educating our citizens, and improving our legal system.

In this edition of Transcript, you will find our 2018 grants recap, which summarizes our grantmaking for the past year. Your continued support and participation enable us to make this impact.

With your help, we will build on our successes in the coming year. We will welcome a new class of Fellows who are distinguished and civic-minded lawyers from all parts of Ohio; we will increase our grant awards to enable deserving organizations to make a difference in our justice system; and we will execute our new strategic plan to strengthen our organization for the future. We encourage you to follow us on our social media channels to stay up-to-date with the latest happenings at the Foundation and to share with us the impact your fellow lawyers are making to further our mission.

This year let's do more: more to enhance our legal system, more to help our communities understand their rights and access justice, and more to improve the State of Ohio for all who live here. Together, the sky is the limit.

THE 2018 FELLOWS CLASS YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2018 Fellows Class is wrapping up their class year, and what a year it has been!

The class traveled the state and gave their time and talents to volunteer with OSBF grantees. Here's a snapshot of what they have done throughout their class year...



They **taught American holiday customs** to immigrant children at ASIA (Asian Services in Action) where they sang and explained Jingle Bells.



They **helped pave the path to citizenship** for immigrants at Catholic Charities of Cleveland.



They **helped nearly 60 ex-felons complete CQEs** in Cincinnati with the Ohio Justice & Policy Center – it made for a rewarding (and a little tiring!) day.



They **served as the jury for the student capstone mock trial** experience at Ohio University's Center for Law, Justice & Culture's Summer Law and Trial Institute.



They **answered questions about laws once a person turns 18** from students at Worthington Kilbourne High School, Lexington High School, the Ohio School for the Blind, and Graham Charter School (just to name a few).



They **joined forces with Equality Ohio** to bring the Columbus community a two-day free legal clinic where they assisted with an array of legal needs.

We've sincerely enjoyed getting to know the 2018 Fellows Class. While their class year is ending, their time as an OSBF Fellow is for life. We look forward to our continued partnership with each of them and all that they will do to help us further our mission.



CIVICS ESSENTIAL OHIO HITS THE ROAD

Civics Essential Ohio, funded by a strategic grant from the OSBF, is an initiative to raise the civics knowledge of Ohio adults. The series has included seven feature stories published in *Soapbox Cincinnati* and *Fresh Water Cleveland* (stories can also be found at OSBF.org/StrategicGrants).

Now, Civics Essential is hitting the road. A Civics Essential Game Hour will be held at sixteen public libraries across Ohio. This is your opportunity to sharpen your civics knowledge during a fun, fact-filled evening of trivia and gamification. Each Game Hour is emceed by a well-known local educator, attorney, or judge and will include prizes.

To see if the Civics Essential Game Hour is coming to a library near you, go to OSBF.org/StrategicGrants



AWARD NOMINATIONS

Help us recognize excellence!

We believe lawyers, judges, and organizations who work to improve the law and build a better justice system deserve to be recognized for their efforts. OSBF award winners lead their communities in volunteer service both in and outside of the legal profession.

Do you know a person or an organization working to better our justice system? It's time to honor them. Nominations for OSBF awards are open through June 1. We are accepting nominations for the following awards:

The Ritter Award is the highest honor awarded by the Foundation. This award is given for a lifetime of service and recognizes accomplishments in achieving and promoting the highest level of professionalism, integrity, and ethics in the practice of law. Ritter Award winners consistently assist other attorneys, the courts, and the public improve the justice system in Ohio.

The Ramey Award for Distinguished Community Service is given to an attorney who exemplifies integrity, honor, courtesy, and professionalism and whose career showcases dedication to the goals and values of the Foundation and service to the public and community. Service must be outside the recipient's practice of law and done without compensation.

The Outstanding Program or Organization Award is given to a program or organization that promotes the distribution of information about, increases access to, and/or generates improvements in the Ohio justice system.

The Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 & Under is presented to attorneys, 40 and younger, who contribute a substantial amount of their time and talents to their communities through volunteering and other service opportunities. Service must be outside the recipient's practice of law and done without compensation. NOTE: This award is presented to honorees in each of the OSBA's 18 districts in the spring and fall each year. The statewide award recipient is chosen from the pool of district honorees.

Visit OSBF.org/Awards to download or complete a nomination form.

If you have questions, contact Jordann Dillard at JDillard@OSBF.net or 614-487-4450.





OSBF AND EQUALITY OHIO JOIN FORCES FOR TWO-DAY LEGAL CLINIC

OSBF and Equality Ohio joined forces this past February to bring the Columbus community a two-day, free legal clinic. OSBF Fellows and Equality Ohio attorneys assisted with an array of topics – the goal was to help the community with anything from record sealing and CQEs to a variety of other services, including family law and expungements.

The clinic was held at Stonewall Columbus' new office space in the Short North of Columbus. This was a prime, well-known spot for a walk-in legal clinic. While there, a couple of our Fellows heard a Short North shop worker could use some legal help. Our clinic hit the road and officially became mobile.

The legal clinic was a rewarding experience to everyone involved. Don't just take our word for it!

One woman who stopped in for help left telling us...

"THIS HAS HELPED ME MORE THAN I CAN TELL YOU."

Two women left with tears in their eyes saying...

"THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! THAT WAS PERFECT."

One of our Fellows who volunteered had this to say...

"WORKING WITH EQUALITY OHIO GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH OSBF FELLOWS WHILE SERVING OTHERS. IT WAS GREAT TO BE A PART OF EQUALITY OHIO'S FIRST LEGAL CLINIC OF THIS KIND AND HELP THEM GET IT OFF THE GROUND. I REALLY CONNECTED WITH ONE OF OUR CLIENTS IN PARTICULAR – HE MADE ME LAUGH! I LEFT FEELING RE-ENERGIZED ABOUT BEING AN ATTORNEY AND ABOUT THE GREAT WORK THAT THE OSBF PROMOTES THROUGH OUR GRANT FUNDING AND OUR VOLUNTEER TIME. IT WAS WELL WORTH GETTING UP EARLY ON A SATURDAY TO PARTICIPATE."

HONOR. REMEMBER. CELEBRATE.

Honor the exceptional, celebrate an occasion, or recognize the significant people in your life with a charitable gift to OSBF. Tribute gifts are an easy way for you to support OSBF grantmaking initiatives and to ensure special colleagues, friends and family receive the statewide recognition they deserve. To make and dedicate a gift, visit [OSBF.org](https://www.osbf.org) and click "Donate Now" at the top.

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Mark Your Calendars!

**OSBF's ANNUAL DINNER AND AWARDS CEREMONY WILL BE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
AT THE EXCHANGE AT BRIDGE PARK IN DUBLIN – A BRAND-NEW VENUE FOR US!**

SPRING RECIPIENTS OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD FOR ATTORNEYS 40 & UNDER

This spring, we are honoring recipients of our Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 & Under. These are attorneys who are volunteering and serving their community. They go above and beyond – seeing volunteering as a passion rather than a resume builder.

Each awardee is inspiring in his or her own unique way. Here are just a few interesting facts about each of them.



DISTRICT 15
MARGARET J. BOYD LAPLANTE

When Maggie worked as the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Guernsey County, she worked with schools and the probation department to implement an educational program that teaches children the risks incorporated with sexting and cyberbullying.



DISTRICT 7
YUKIKO V. YEE

Kiko has organized and executed a two-and-a-half week interagency clothing and product drive and fundraiser to benefit Dress for Success Columbus. Through the cooperation of over a dozen local government agencies and firms in Columbus and Dayton, the drive successfully collected over 1,200 professional clothing and product donations.



DISTRICT 17
JAMES K. STANLEY

James has passed down his passion for volunteering to his young daughter Kinney. They volunteer together at the Meigs County Canine Rescue & Adoption Center - an idea that she came up with!



DISTRICT 2
MICHELLE T. SUNDGAARD

Michelle is a committee member of the Dayton History Bell Board. Recently, she volunteered to take part in their Dayton History Fight Night where she boxed an opponent to raise money to go toward the organization. Michelle is also a current student in OSBA's Leadership Academy!



DISTRICT 10
CHRISTOPHER L. BROWN

Christopher was one of six alumni inducted into the inaugural Alumni Hall of Fame of The Ohio State University Mansfield. He also serves as Chair of OSBA's Young Lawyers Section, which focuses on providing members with opportunities for professional development.



DISTRICT 12
KIRA S. KITTOE-KRIVOSH

One of the main reasons Kira became a Prosecutor was to follow the lead of her uncle and godfather Judge Frank Forchione. She grew up watching and learning from him at the Canton Law Department and Stark County Family Court.



DISTRICT 1
MEGAN S. GLOWACKI

Megan actively volunteers with Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio (PBPO) and loves the nonprofits she gets to assist. With her help, these organizations can focus on the great work they do. Fun fact: PBPO is an OSBF grantee and was awarded the Outstanding Program or Organization Award last year.



DISTRICT 11
LAURA L. WALLERSTEIN

Laura serves as the President of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Summit and Medina Counties. She also serves as a board member for Keep Akron Beautiful and for the American Red Cross of Summit, Portage, and Medina Counties.



DISTRICT 9
CHARLES M. ELSEA

Charles has served as the legal advisor to the Lancaster High School Mock Trial team for five years. He is also a member of the Fairfield County Port Authority and the Board of Park Commissioners for the City of Lancaster.

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04.26	BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
05.17	2019 FELLOWS CLASS ORIENTATION
06.01	AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE
06.11	FELLOWS INDUCTION CEREMONY
08.27	OBLC GOLF OUTING (PROCEEDS SUPPORT OSBF!)
10.04	ANNUAL DINNER AND AWARDS CEREMONY